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Beauty and the Beast

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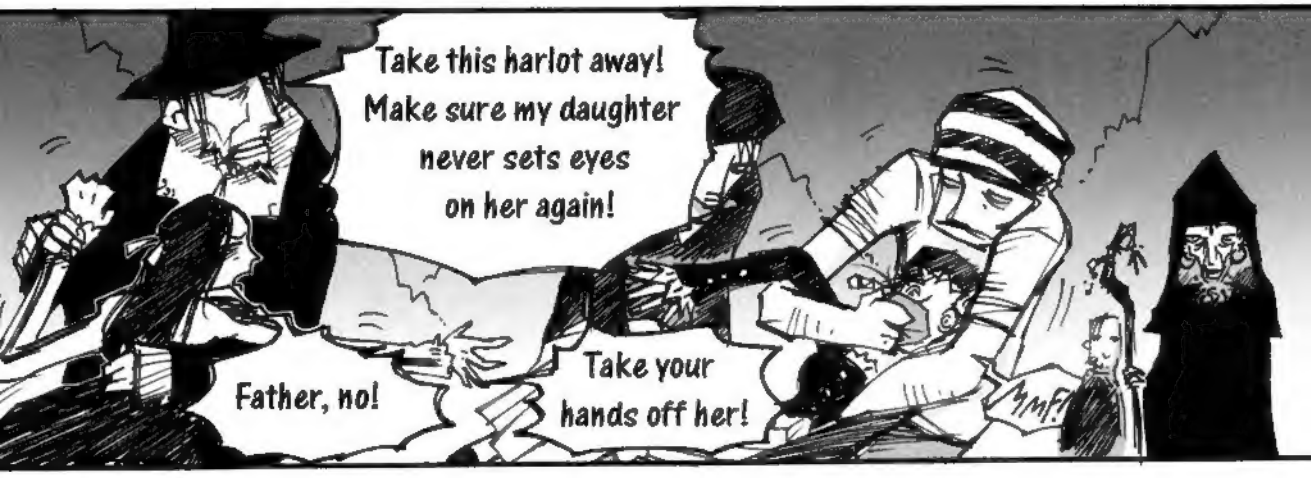
Doesn't the garden look beautiful, Annabelle?
It does.
The roses remind me of a story.
I want to hear it!
I thought you might.
Once upon a time

Belle,
do you think it's safe being here like this?
No one ever comes out this far, Rose.
We are safe from prying eyes here.
But if your father were to catch us...
He won't.
I love you, Belle.
RSSU...
RSSU...
I love you too, darling,
I would do anything for you.
I wish we could be free to love each other like everyone else.

Stop this evil at once!
Father!

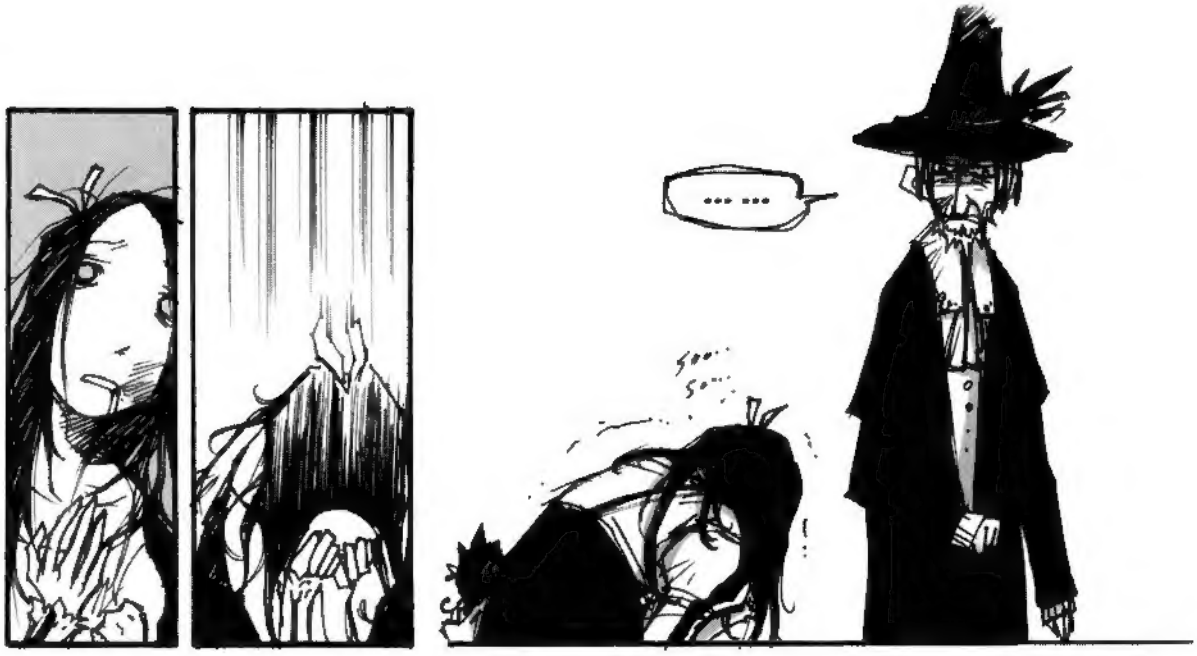

Take this harlot away! Make sure my daughter never sets eyes on her again!
Father, no!
Take your hands off her!
MMF!

Darling, I love you! I will find you, I promise!
Silence! You have been bewitched by this evil temptress!

No, Father, I'm in love with her.
Please don't let them hurt Rose! I beg you.

If you will not learn to fear God, then you will surely fear me!

Take her far from here, and make sure she is never seen again.
It will be done.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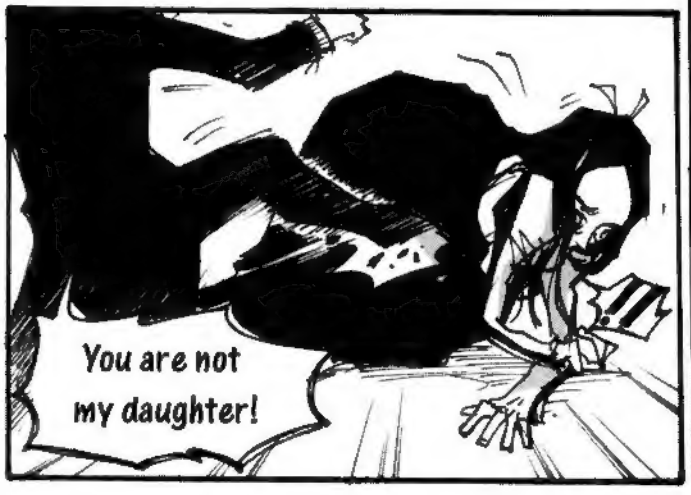
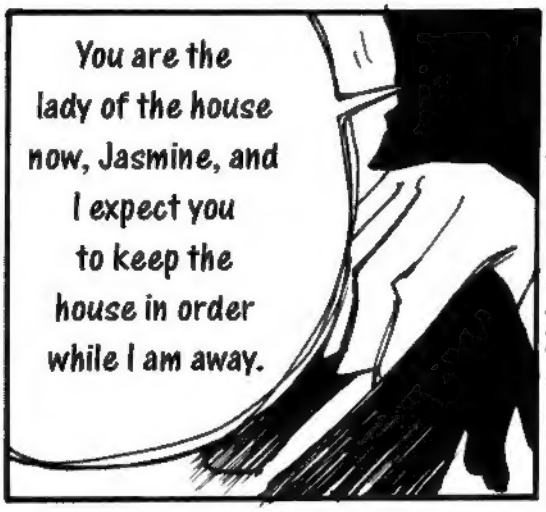
Do what you will with her,
then lock her in the cellar.


You are not my daughter!

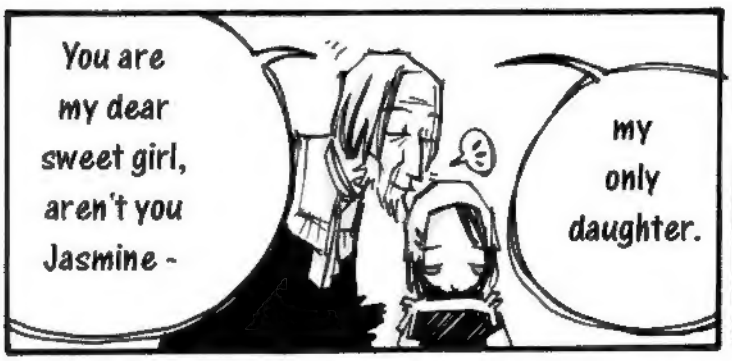
Please have mercy.

Later that evening...
Father, where is Belle?
She wasn't in her bed last night.
Clink
She's gone.
What do you mean? Did she leave? That isn't like her.
Jasmine!
I won't hear another word about your sister.
Don't ever speak her name in this house again.
Do you understand?
Yes, Father.

I am going away for a few nights on business.
PFF?


You are the lady of the house now, Jasmine, and I expect you to keep the house in order while I am away.

I will, Father, I promise.

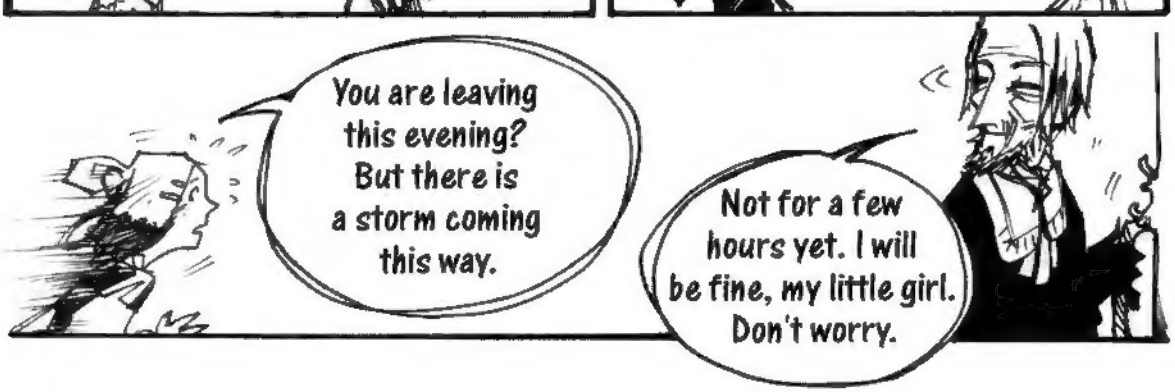

You are my dear sweet girl, aren't you Jasmine -
my only daughter.

One rose, is that all my little darling wants?
Yes, Father.

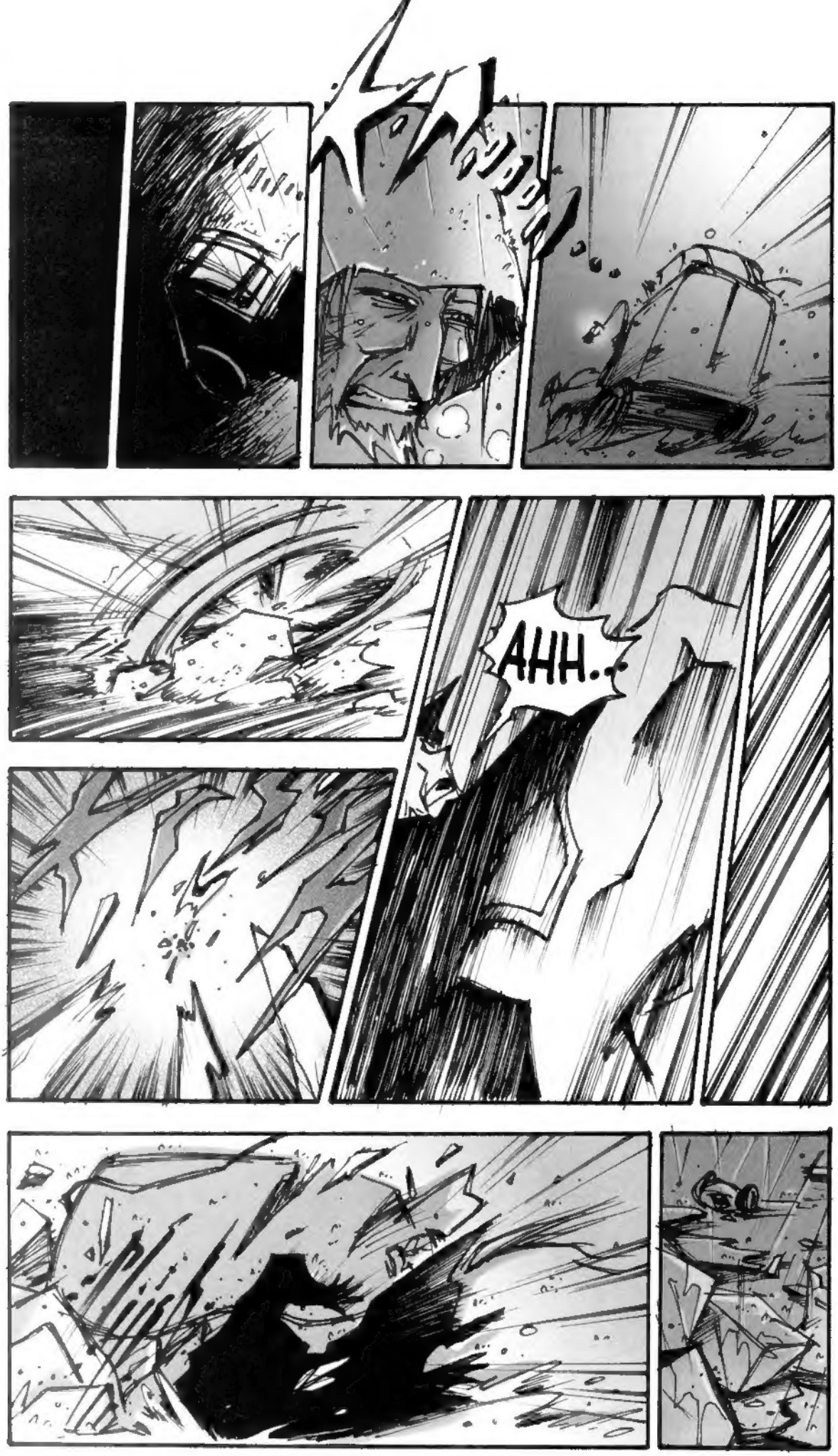
Is there anything I can get you while I am away?
A rose.

Then you shall have it.

Walk me out to the courtyard then.
Tom


You are leaving this evening? But there is a storm coming this way.
Not for a few hours yet. I will be fine, my little girl. Don't worry.

Don't go into the cellar while I am away, Jasmine.
The stairs need repairing and I don't want you getting hurt going down there.
Yes, Father.
I will see you in three days time.
Goodbye, Father.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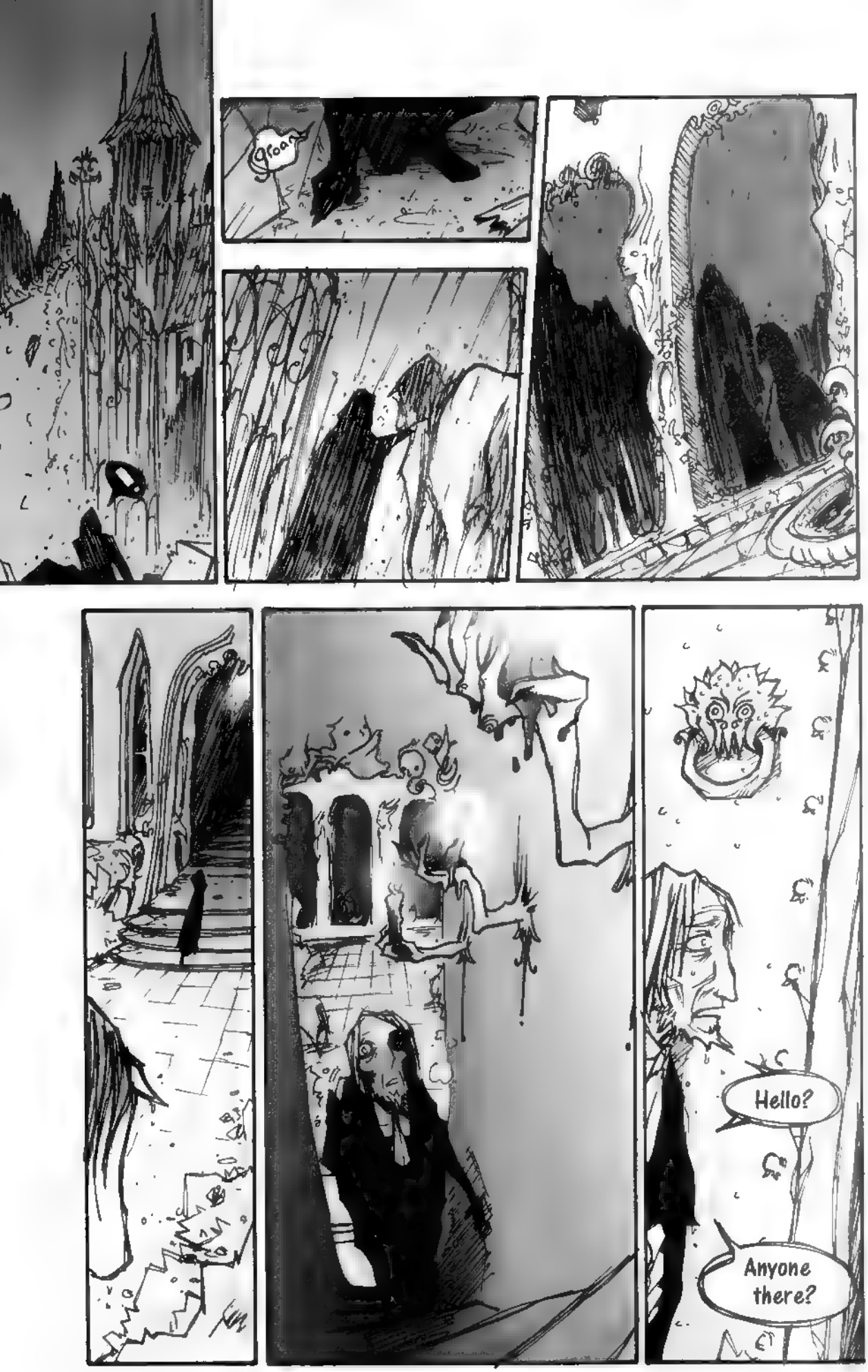
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Hello?
Anyone there?

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I must be caught in some sort of dream.
Errin-kin-ling

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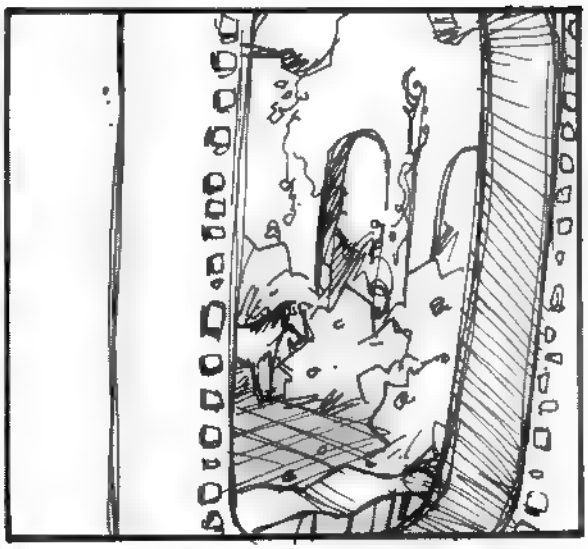

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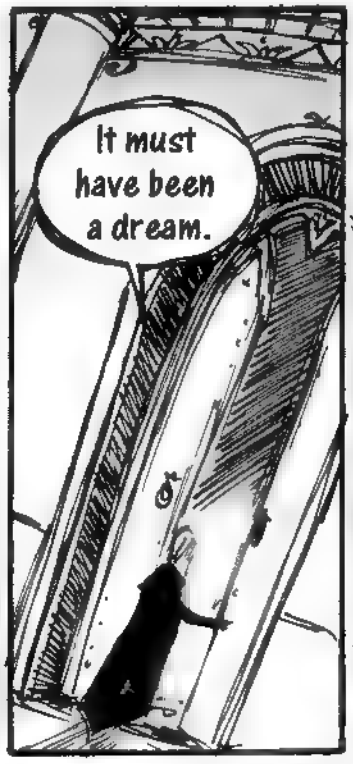
It must have been a dream.

Jasmine's rose.

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I gave you shelter and fed you, and this is how you repay me?
Eergh!

I'm sorry.
I didn't think one little rose would be missed.

A rose is always missed.
What shall you give me in return?

Perhaps your life?
No, please - my daughter will be left alone.

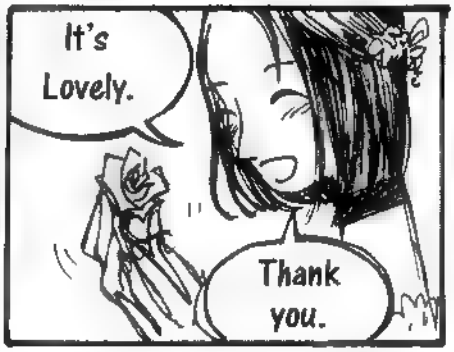
You love this daughter of yours?
The rose is for her,
my darling Jasmine. She will be heartbroken and alone if I do not return.

I hope she cherishes her gift.
You have one night to arrange payment,
either with your life or the life of another.
You can't mean...
I will come for my payment if it is not brought to me by this time tomorrow.
Be on your way.

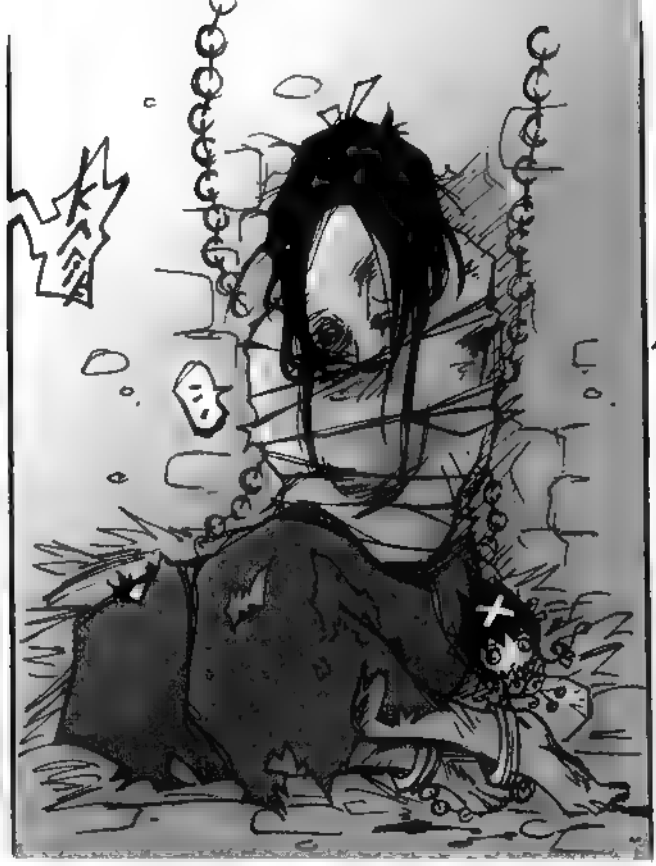
Father!
Why are you home so soon?

Are you all right?
Yes, darling, I am fine.

Here you go, my dear.


It's Lovely.
Thank you.

Bring my things in, won't you dear? I am going to rest in my room for a while.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MMF!

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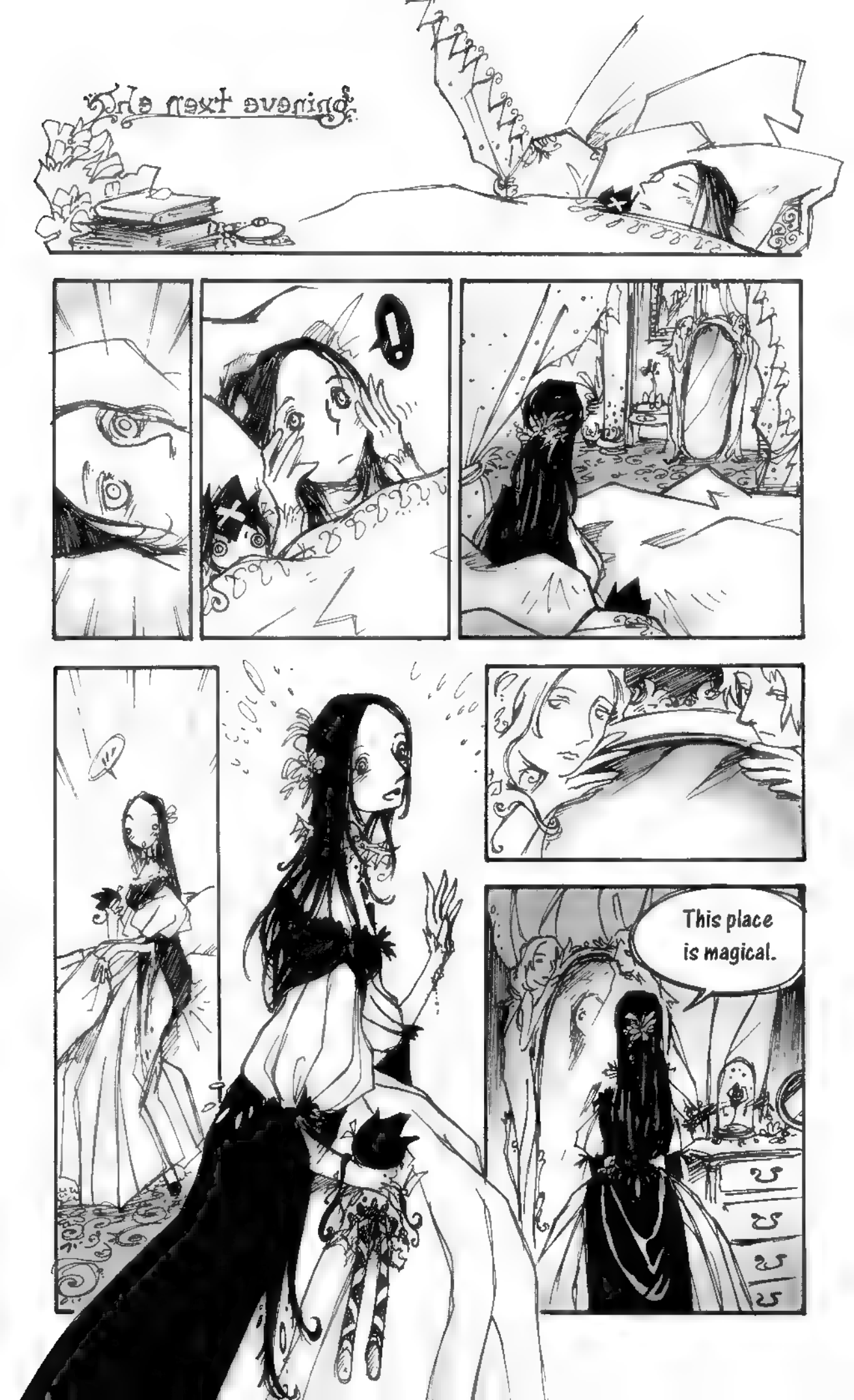
NAHAH


Spring the next evening.
This place is magical.

Belle,
the ca
...the castle and grounds are yours to wander. I only ask that you meet me at 8 o'clock for dinner each evening.
Eternally yours,
The Beast
Tik
Tok
Tok
Tok

Thank you for joining me, Belle.

Why won't you let me see your face?

I do not wish to cause you any further pain.

Did you heal my wounds?
I did.

Then I couldn't possibly be frightened by someone so kind.

Please don't.

Walk with me then, show me the grounds.

Do you miss your home?
No, my father hated me.
And your sister, do you miss her?

I do, with all my heart. I fear for her.

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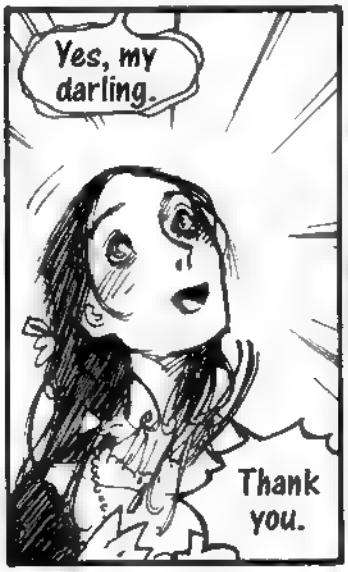
Look into this mirror and say her name, and you shall see her.
You can see anything your heart wishes.

It is my gift to you.
Truly?


Yes, my darling.
Thank you.

Please don't look at me.
... ...

I told you not to look at me!
I'm so sorry!
Please forgive me.
....
Show me my sister.
Father, we should try to find Belle. Maybe she's hurt!
I told you to never speak of her again!
But she is your daughter!

Show me the Beast!
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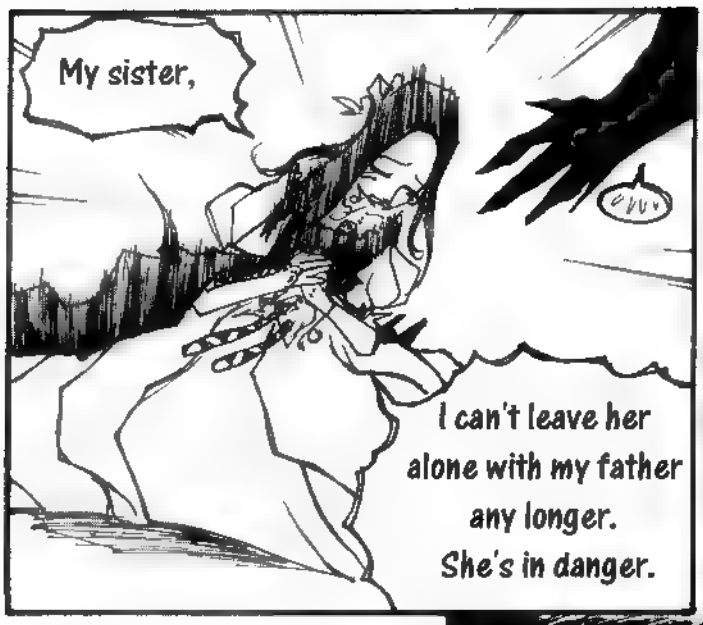
My darling, what is the matter?
Please don't go! I need you.


My sister,
I can't leave her alone with my father any longer. She's in danger.

Shall I bring her here? Will that make you happy?

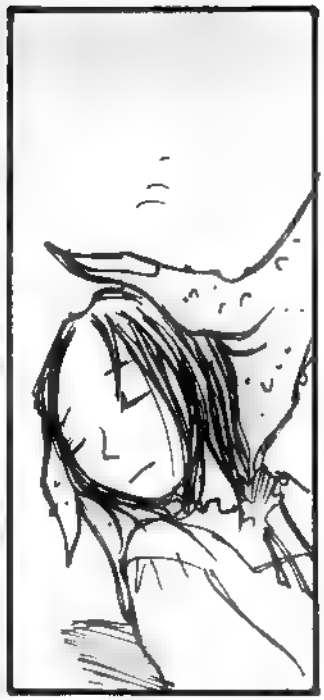
Will you do that, truly?
I would do anything for you.

Go to bed, my dear,

and by the morning light your sister will be safe in your arms.

AHH!
You can't take her!

Take your hands off my daughter!



I will not allow you hurt them any longer!

GIDE

FOE
FOE
Jasmine!
What happened to her?
She passed out. She will be fine.
!
Thank you! Thank you so much.
Don't turn away,
not this time.
You could never love me.
But I do, with all my heart.

I have always loved you, my darling.
Why didn't you tell me?
I couldn't,
that old woman put a curse on me.
I'm so happy I found you,
my love.
And they lived happily ever after.

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A late 1940's thriller! In Glorious Black & White! A frightening tale of murder, romance and ghostly visits from the beyond, as told by a little doll named Annabelle.

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A message from Serena

Hello my little darlings,

FSc and I got a chance to meet a great deal of you at the San Diego Comic Con and it was a pleasure. We loved meeting you, hearing how well you are enjoying our work, and just getting a chance to talk with our readers. It was truly inspiring, thank you.

Also, thank you for all the lovely email we have been receiving - and my apologies for being so slow at replying as of late... I promise I will reply soon though.

I am working on a six issue digest book involving Gwen, giving Gwen her own space for an adventure outside of the Nightmares series, but in the same universe. I've grown quite fond of Gwen, but I do not want her to overtake the series and thought it would be best to give Gwen her own fairytale... and leave the nightmares & fairytales to Annabelle.

Well my dears, I hope you enjoyed our Beauty & the Beast story, and I look forward to the next time I will get an opportunity meet some of you.

Pleasant dreams,

Serena

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